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May 23, 1985

Mr. W. J. Garmoe
Operations Superintendent
Anaconda Minerals Company
RFD 1, Box 79
Tooele, Utah 84074

Dear Mr. Garmoe:

RE: Development of Final Reclamation Plan, Carr Fork Mine,
ACT/045/004, Tooele County, Utah

I would like to thank you and Mr. Bob Dent for accompanying Randy Harden and I on the site tour last week. The trip showed that there are still portions of test plot M.E.P. #1 in existence, and some surviving species in the other test plot areas, as well.

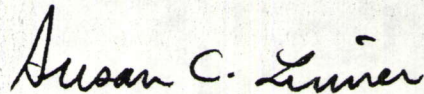
The test plot program was set up as part of a contractual agreement between Anaconda and the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining which called for Anaconda to "conduct experimental reclamation studies during the period 1980 through 1985... ." At this time there appears to be no reason to implement any further experimental studies. However, Anaconda should collect survival data on the existing test plots during the summer of 1985. Since the plots were implemented in 1981, this should give a good indication of which species will survive over the long-term.

Using the information gained from the experimental plots and the Soil Conservation Service vegetation and soil studies, Anaconda should now be able to put together a viable reclamation plan for the Carr Fork mine site. As we discussed onsite, it would probably be best to break the area into two separate areas--the old smelter and tailings pond area, and the new mine site area, and to submit a separate reclamation plan for each area.

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The Division requests that the final reclamation plans as well as the 1985 monitoring data be submitted for approval with the 1985 Annual Operations and Progress Report in January of 1986. I would be glad to work with you in the interim in developing the reclamation plans so as to satisfy Division standards. Please feel free to contact me if you need any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan C. Linner".

Susan C. Linner
Permit Supervisor/
Reclamation Biologist

btb
cc: Lowell Braxton
Randy Harden
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